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Applicants: Rainer LUDWIG
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A monitoring device for checking for a predefined position of a body or for checking for the presence of a body, comprising a pivotal checking element, a motor for driving the checking element, a housing for accommodating the motor, and a seal which is arranged between the checking element and the housing and which extends around a shaft by means of which the checking element is driven, wherein the seal abuts on the checking element and abuts on the housing.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously amended) A monitoring device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the seal is formed symmetrically about an axis.

4. (Previously amended) A monitoring device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the seal is seated between the checking element and the housing co-axially relative to the shaft.

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